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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of July 10, 2001 for three months to January 10, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$920 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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